

49 Gilbert Street, Berlin, NH



DES Site Number: 200810031

ONESTOP Master Id.: 63527

Date of update: March 15, 2010

Description: This site is a former home, construction contractor office and storehouse. The building was heavily damaged by a fire and is currently vacant.

Potential Environmental Concerns: Potential concerns associated with this property include potential releases of stored construction and home maintenance chemicals and the confirmed presence of hazardous building materials (namely asbestos) that must be abated prior to renovation or demolition of the building.

Previous Work: A Brownfields Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was completed on behalf of the city by North Country Council Inc. in October 2008. This work was funded with an EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant awarded to North Country Council.

Current Work: DES has authorized GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. (GZA) to complete a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and a Hazardous Building Materials (HBM) Survey of the site. A Phase II Environmental Site Assessment involves the completion of test borings, installation of groundwater monitoring wells, and the collection and analysis of soil and groundwater samples to assess surface and subsurface environmental conditions at a site. An HBM survey is completed in support of potential renovation or demolition to assess the presence and distribution of hazardous building materials such as PCBs (in floor tiles, mastics, light ballasts, transformers, etc.), asbestos (in pipe coverings, linoleum, tiles, wall board, plaster, etc.), and mercury (heating system

components, etc.). HBM surveys involve limited destructive sampling and analysis of suspect building materials.

Fieldwork is scheduled to start the week of March 22, 2010 and should be completed by April 15, 2010. A report should be completed and available for public review in May/June 2010.

Copies of all available Brownfields reports for this site can be accessed from the DES ONESTOP database at [ONESTOP Master Id.: 63527](#).

Scheduled Public Events: There are no public meetings currently scheduled for this site.

Cleanup Planning: Cleanup planning documents have not yet been prepared for this site. Cleanup planning documents will be prepared and released for public comment once the Phase II Environmental Assessment work and any necessary supplemental assessment work has been completed.

Section 106 of Historic Preservation Act: DES submitted a Project Review Request to the New Hampshire Department of Cultural Resources – Division of Historical Resources (DHR) for consultation prior to undertaking the Phase II Site Assessment and Hazardous Building Materials Survey. DHR issued a determination of “No Adverse Impacts” on December 7, 2009 and requested further consultation if additional federal funding is involved with redevelopment of the site.